

TIPS AND FAQ

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VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

What does my vehicle need?

To take your vehicle on the Dunes you must have all current permits including: ORV Permit, ORV Trail Permit, and valid Recreation Passport; a 4-wheel drive vehicle, tires with a max of 15PSI, and a safety flag. See our basic checklist here, and if you are taking a motorcycle, ATV or Dirt Bike on the dunes, be sure to review the few extra requirements outlined below.

6 checklist requirements for your vehicle

3 additional requirements for ATV/Dirt Bike

Safety Flag Mounting Requirements

- ❑ "Sit-In" Automotive style seating. Flag mount to the front most portion of the vehicle
- ❑ "Sit-On/Straddle" style seating, (steered by handlebars) - Flag mounts on the rear of the vehicle

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ATV/Dirt Bikes ("Sit-On/Straddle" style seating)

- ✓ Spark Arrestor 
- ✓ Helmet 
- ✓ Eye Protection 

10'



- ✓ Operators must have a valid drivers license to drive ORVs. GDL requirements apply to young drivers. Youth 12 through 15 can only operate a 4 wheel ATV or a dirtbike with a safety certificate and direct supervision. 3-wheel ATV is restricted to 16 yrs. and older operators.

**NOTE: Michigan Child Passenger Safety Requirements apply for ALL vehicles in ORV area (same seating requirements for young children on roadways apply to the dunes.*

- ✓ ALL PERMITS
 - ORV Permit
 - ORV Trail Permit
 - DNR Rec. Passport

- ✓ Safety Flag*

**FLAG MUST BE 10ft off the ground when mounted at standstill (8ft under motion) Color-Safety Orange, rectangular shape, solid material.*

- ✓ 4-Wheel Drive Engaged (turn off "traction control" if equipped) 

- ✓ ALL Tires inflated to MAX 15 PSI recommended 12-15 PSI 

- ✓ Vehicle sound level must be at 94dB or lower 

Discover more about the area at: ThinkDunes.com

GENERAL QUESTIONS

When do the Dunes open for the season and what are the hours?

The Silver Lake Sand Dunes open season runs from April 1–October 31st. Early Season hours (April 1st–April 30th) are 9:00am–8:00pm daily; Peak Season hours (June 1st–September 15th) are 9:00am–10:00pm daily; and Late Season hours are (September 16th–Oct 31st) 9:00am–8:00pm daily. Please note: Access to sand dunes closes 1/2 hour before daily closing time.

What parts of the Silver Lake Sand Dunes are designated for pedestrians? For vehicles?

The Dunes are divided into 3 areas: The Pedestrian Area (no vehicles permitted), The ORV Area (no pedestrians

permitted), and the area leased by Mac Woods Dune Rides for tours. See a map on page 7 for the ORV area which is approximately 450-acres of rolling sand dunes. Please be aware of the directional traffic zones in the ORV area of the dunes.

Can I access Lake Michigan from the ORV Area?

Yes. You can park within 50-100 yards of the water in the designated ORV Area and walk to the beach as designated by the Silver Lake State Park. Vehicles are not permitted on the water's edge. You may also walk to the lake through the Pedestrian Area of the Dunes. Outside of the ORV area, there are several other parks with Lake Michigan beach access and convenient parking.